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Prince of Pot surrendering to custody today

BAIL After six months of freedom, Vancouver's Prince of Pot is set to go back to jail today.

Mary Emery has been on bail since Nov. 18, 2009 pending the justice minister's decision to extradite him to the United States for selling pot seeds online.

According to the conditions of his bail, he was required to surrender back into custody today or on the day that the minister makes his extradition decision — whichever came first. Emery is set to be at court at 8:30 a.m. this morning. METRO VANCOUVER

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Vancouver Canucks' Kevin Bieksa, centre, celebrates with Michael Grabner, left, and Mikael Samuelsson after scoring his goal against the Chicago Blackhawks during the first period of Game 5 of an NHL hockey Western Conference second-round playoff series yesterday in Chicago. The Canucks kept their playoff drive alive and meet the Blackhawks in Vancouver tomorrow. Coverage, page 9.

Owning la dolce vita

Lamborghini opens third boutique worldwide in Richmond

They say when you've got it, flaunt it, and it's hard to flaunt any harder than tooling down your street in a Lamborghini, the cheapest of which retails for around $200,000.

But what if you don't have it and you still want to flaunt it?

Well, you can drive your Toyota Corolla to the Automobili Lamborghini Boutique in Richmond and buy yourself a Lamborghini jacket, or a hoodie, or maybe just a coffee mug.

The purveyor of ultra-exclusive, outrageously styled exotic cars has opened only its third retail shop in the world in this Vancouver suburb — the others are in Beijing and Los Angeles.

The store in Richmond's upscale Aberdeen Centre had its grand opening Saturday night, highlighted by a parade of Lamborghinis to the mall and then a fashion show displaying its "collezione" of Italian-designed sporty clothes carrying Lambo's trademark Spanish fighting bull logo.

In the last three years company officials have discovered what other ultra-luxury automakers such as arch-rival Ferrari have known for some time: A lot of people want to identify themselves, even in a small way, with la dolce vita.

"If you're a luxury brand there is always the opportunity to sell even outside the core business," says Stephan Winkelmann, president of Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A., in town for the store's grand opening.

"As long as this is giving additional profit and it's not diluting the brand, it's a must-do because a luxury brand always has a limited opportunity to grow, because a luxury business is always to produce less than demand."

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Luxury brand

- Lamborghini, headquartered in Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy, sells on average about 2,000 cars a year.
- Last year the firm was down to sales of a little more than 1,200, 38 of which were made in Canada.

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A woman models clothes from Italian automaker Lamborghini's fashion line.

Adopted daughter charged in mom's death

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INVESTIGATION A New Westminster woman spent Mother's Day in jail yesterday after being arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the death of her 88-year-old adopted mother.

Junette Page Jobin is accused of murdering Patricia Rose Pelletier, who was found dead in her East Vancouver home on April 19, said Vancouver Const. Lindsey Houghton.

"The cause of death was not readily apparent, but the investigation confirmed it was a homicide," Houghton said.

"Officers attended a residence in the 3200 block of East 51st Avenue, after a 911 call from family members ... who were concerned that they had not seen or heard from (Pelletier) for a few days."

Pelletier was the widow of Vancouver police Const. Kenneth Pelletier, who died in the 1970s.

Neighbours knew her as a friendly woman who liked to tend to her garden.

Jobin remains in custody. Her next scheduled court appearance is still to be determined.

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Eagles taking flight again

The Eagles, left, will be performing at GM Place tonight for the second show in a series of three Vancouver performances. The iconic rock band played GM Place last night, and will do a show at Pacific Coliseum on Friday. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

RCMP Construction on the RCMP's new E-Division Headquarters began over the weekend. The Green Timbers site in Surrey will provide accommodations for 2,700 headquarters personnel, replacing the current headquarters in Vancouver. The finish date is projected for December 2012.

WATER Below-average snowpack across the province could result in water-supply shortages and low stream flows this summer, according to the B.C. government. The risk of a summer drought could be reduced if May and June experience wet weather.

STABBING A suspect tried to flee on foot after allegedly stabbing another man near the Sun Run finish line yesterday, CTV News reports. A man who witnessed the incident joined 10 other runners to chase down the suspect, tackling him and holding him until the police arrived. The suspect was arrested and victim was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

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A total of 51,419 people took part in the 26th annual Sun Run in downtown Vancouver yesterday.

Thousands take to streets for Sun Run

Runners, spectators do their part to honour moms

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

Keeping true to its name, Sun Run participants yesterday had bright, warm conditions to keep them motivated in the second-largest timed 10-kilometre run in North America.

More than 50,000 people crowded the streets for the 26th annual run.

Honouring Mother's Day, some runners donned "I love mom" shirts and posters.

"The sunny weather brought so many spectators holding 'go mom' signs," said Christa White, a participant from Victoria.

Another participant, Andrea Gielty from Vancouver, said she was glad her mom came down to cheer her on, which kept her going in the hot weather.

With a time of 29:02, Kenyan runner Kip Kangogo, who lives in Lethbridge, Alta., finished first overall.

Former Olympian Malindi Elmore of Kelowna won the women's top spot, finishing the 10-kilometre race in 33:06.

The top local winners for both men and women were two runners from Burnaby: Richard Mosley, who finished seventh; and Kristina Rody, who finished fourth.

In her fifth year doing the Sun Run, Gielty said this is the best weather they've had, adding that the warm weather made it more challenging.

"It's hotter than you could predict ... although I prefer this over the rain and cold any day."

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Olympic street banners to aid inner-city efforts

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INITIATIVE Vancouver is offering 3,000 Winter Olympic street banners to local non-profit organizations to use in support of inner-city initiatives, the city announced yesterday.

Under the program, not-for-profit agencies can submit a one-page summary on how they would use or sell banners to raise funds that the support the Downtown Eastside, Downtown South or Mount Pleasant.

A panel will review the submissions and pick the ones with the greatest potential, said Mayor Gregor Robertson.

"The colour and vitality of the Olympic street banners added to the celebrations on our streets during the Games," Robertson said.

"We want to add further value to these fabrics through innovative projects that will sell as is or repurpose the banners in support of inner-city projects and services."

Earlier this year, the city provided UNICEF with thousands of 2010 Winter Games street banners to use to raise money for Haitian earthquake relief. The project raised nearly $200,000.

On Saturday, UNICEF will be in the Salt Building during the city's Olympic Village Open House to continue that campaign.

Drink to water plant's opening

INFRASTRUCTURE Metro Vancouver opened its doors to the largest water-filtration plant in Canada over the weekend.

The $328-million Seymour-Capilano Filtration Plant will provide better-quality drinking water to Metro Vancouver, said Abbotsford MP Ed Fast in a release.

About 1.8-billion litres of water per day can be filtered through the new plant, removing cloudiness, microorganisms, organic carbon and filterable iron. The water will also have less chlorine.

"Our water is world class, mountain fresh, pure and always on tap, delivered through pipes into our homes," said Tim Stevenson, chair of Metro Vancouver's water committee, in a release.

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City paid more than $15,000 for thank-you radio ads: Docs
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Lawyer has ties to B.C. Liberals: Blackmore

COURT The lawyer who will argue against Canada's ban on polygamy should step aside because of financial ties to the British Columbia government, says an admitted polygamist whose failed prosecution prompted the case.

Winston Blackmore said the case, which will be heard in B.C. Supreme Court this fall, is tainted because of political donations made by the lawyer who will argue polygamy laws are unconstitutional.

"It already smells bad," Blackmore wrote in an email message to The Canadian Press.

Winston Blackmore

Lawyer George K. MacIntosh was nominated by the Ministry of the Attorney General and appointed by the court.

His name and law firm appear on Liberal donor lists for more than $50,000 worth of contributions since 2005.

Elections B.C. lists a George K. MacIntosh as having personally donated $2,500 to the Liberal party in 2005.

It's a conflict of interest, said Blackmore, one of two leaders in the polygamous community of Bountiful, located near the town of Creston in southeast B.C.

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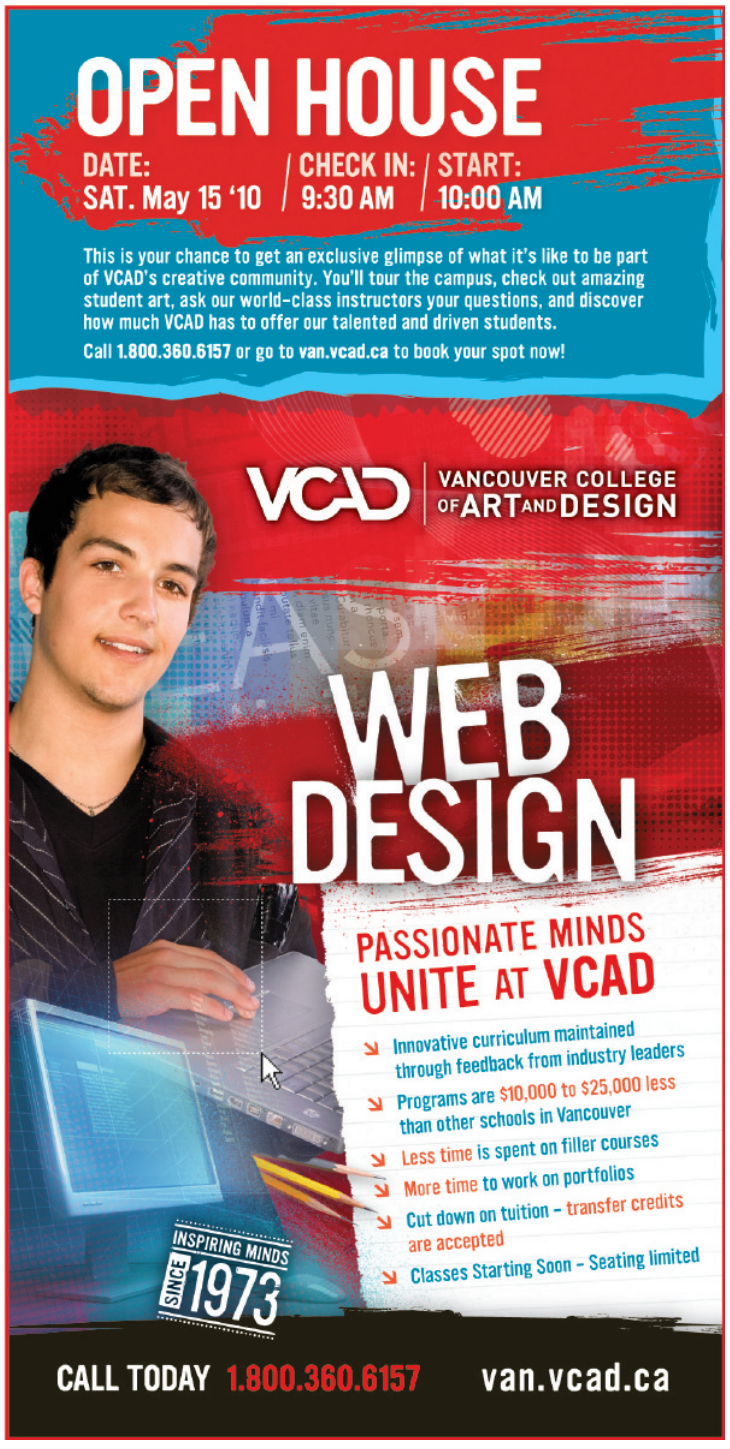
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A grey whale swims past Granville Island in False Creek last week.

Little fish bringing big sights to city?

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"White-sided dolphins (are) so energetic and spectacular to watch. Every time dolphins have shown up in a new area, they cause a great stir."
Lance Barrett-Lennard, Vancouver Aquarium

Vancouverites may want to thank a school of fertile herring for the rare chance to see Pacific white-sided dolphins and grey whales in the waters near the city recently, according to a scientist with the Vancouver Aquarium.

Lance Barrett-Lennard, head of the whale and dolphin research program, said while it's not uncommon to see these animals off the coast, they don't tend to venture so close to the city.

On May 6, hundreds of dolphins were spotted swimming around Lion's Bay. The previous day, a grey whale was seen in False Creek.

"It could be a coincidence," Barrett-Lennard said. "It could, however, be (because) there has been a good herring spawn this year in Howe Sound and False Creek."

Grey whales and dolphins, he said, are very "motivated" by herring, which have a high caloric count.

The whales — which eat herring eggs — may be especially hungry, Barrett-Lennard added, since they're migrating to Alaska from Mexico where they have been fasting for months.

"The ones that are stopping to feed may well be the ones who don't have enough fat as they need to get up to Alaska."

The presence of the dolphins is interesting, said Barrett-Lennard, because they tend to live out in the deeper ocean.

"Over the past few years we've seen a group of about 70 or 80 around Powell River and Nanaimo. We've never seen 150 and never in Howe Sound," he said. "White-sided dolphins (are) so energetic and spectacular to watch. Every time dolphins have shown up in a new area, they cause a great stir."

Mental state of woman accused in shooting crucial, lawyer says

ATTACK The lawyer for a woman charged with three counts of attempted murder following a shooting at a Gibsons care home says his client's mental state is key to understanding what happened.

Linda Howe was arrested following the attack at the Good Samaritan Christenson Village in April 2009, in which two staff members were shot at and a manager was wounded.

Howe was facing eviction at the time and was shot and wounded by police when she allegedly tried to carjack a vehicle following the incident.

Witness Kenn Perrier said he hadn't seen any drug or alcohol abuse, but was aware Howe had installed her own surveillance system because she thought care home staff were stealing from her.

Her lawyer showed the court notes written by Howe before her eviction that said she was fragile and overwhelmed, and asked Perrier about a brain injury the woman had suffered before she moved there.

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News in brief

DEATH Surrey Mounties are investigating a car accident that left a 26-year-old man dead over the weekend, News1130 reports. RCMP Staff Sgt. Bruce Anderson said a search was launched Saturday when the man didn't show up to his friend's place. The man was found alone in his car at the bottom of a steep ravine.

STABBING A 17-year-old boy is recovering in hospital after being stabbed early yesterday, News1130 reports. Mounties were called to a Surrey residence just before 1 a.m., where they found the boy with stab wounds to his abdomen. No arrests have been made.

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Feds face homophobia accusation
The Harper government is being labelled homophobic for refusing to fund Toronto's gay pride festival this year, but the government refutes the accusation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Teachers fake the faith

EMPLOYMENT Unemployed, non-religious educators in Ontario are turning to Catholicism in an attempt to secure a coveted teaching position, even it means lying in confession about whether they've had pre-marital sex, some have revealed.

"I don't particularly like going (to mass) every Sunday, but if this is what I have to do, then I'll do it," said a Toronto-area woman, who didn't want to be identified. "I just really want to be in a career. I just want it so badly."

The teacher said she has also been going to confession regularly and speaking with a priest on a weekly basis in order to receive the documents she needs to apply to the Toronto Catholic District School Board. She is not Catholic — in fact, she doesn't consider herself religious.

"I don't particularly like going (to mass) ... but if this is what I have to do, then I'll do it."
Toronto-area teacher

The oversupply of qualified, unemployed teachers in Ontario has been a well-documented problem. According to the Ontario College of Teachers, there were about 12,200 new teachers in the province in 2009, but only about 5,000 positions.

"What you can see, fairly quickly, is you have twice as many teachers as you do job opportunities and that has been going on for a number of years now," said Frank McIntyre, a researcher for the college, who said the gap has been accelerating since 2005.

"We're getting a backlog of qualified teachers who are not able to get teaching jobs."

This has left teachers desperate, so they've decided to cast their net wide.

"You feel really helpless," said the teacher. "I thought, why not try this option. It was kind of out of desperation ... not that I think it will work for sure, but it's to have another option." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Greece **Masked protest**

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Masked members of international group World Without Wars and Without Violence stand outside Greek parliament yesterday. The group staged a silence protest against both the economic austerity measures and the three victims of violence that died Wednesday after rioters set fire to a bank branch.

Toronto **Cleaning up the mess**

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jonah Sheinin, 11, joins his family and neighbours as they work to remove some large tree limbs from a street in Toronto's east end. Trees and power lines came down all over the city and caused problems yesterday as a large wind, rain, hail and snow storm swept into town.

Ottawa looks to box up shady movers

CRACKDOWN The federal government is putting the moves on movers.

Industry Canada wants to tighten the rules for moving companies after a deluge of complaints from consumers who say they've been ripped off by crooked operators.

Armed with a cellphone and a Kijiji or Craigslist ad on the Internet, scam artists are preying on Canadians looking for cheap moving help, says the department.

"Complaints include holding furniture hostage at the destination until consumers pay more than the original estimate and producing new hidden costs such as packaging," says an internal document.

Currently, regulation of the moving industry is a bit of a patchwork, and some industry players want the government to harmonize laws, regulations and practices across the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pakistan asks for more help along Afghanistan border

TERRORISM Pakistan says a Canadian-led G8 initiative to rehabilitate its lawless Afghanistan border region doesn't go far enough to stamp out terrorism.

Islamabad has asked Ottawa to expand the scope of its plan, and is also concerned how it will be financed: Forcing Pakistan deeper into debt with international lenders, The Canadian Press has learned.

Pakistan says it's grateful for the Afghanistan-Pakistan Border Region Prosperity Initiative that was announced by G8 foreign ministers in March, but says it doesn't do enough to lift up the fortunes of the vulnerable, economically-backward region that's now become a haven for al-Qaida terrorists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Blasts kill miners

Rescuers scrambling to free trapped workers

Rescue workers scrambled to save 83 people trapped in Russia's largest underground coal mine after two explosions killed at least 12 people and injured dozens more, officials said. Among those still trapped were rescue workers who had entered the Siberian mine after the first blast.

"It's clear the situation is difficult. We could even say very difficult, tragic."
Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin

A high level of methane gas after yesterday's second, more powerful blast raised fears of further explosions and prevented more rescuers from going into the mine for the rest of the day.

Only today was the first rescue team sent down to try to bring out five miners whose location had been established, said Valery Korchagin, a spokesman for the Emergency Ministry. It was not clear, however, whether the miners were still alive, he said.

The second explosion destroyed the main air shaft and all of the mine's above-ground structures, the governor of the Siberian region of Kemerovo told Prime Minister Vladimir Putin during a meeting with emergency officials, according to a government transcript.

By late yesterday, it was still too dangerous to enter the mine because of high levels of methane gas, said Emergency Minister Sergei Shoigu, who flew to the scene from Moscow to take charge of the operation. "Now we have to do everything possible to avoid a third explosion," the state news agency RIA Novosti quoted him as telling miners' families.

The first blast, believed to have been caused by methane, hit the Raspadskaya mine just before midnight Saturday and the second about three hours later. There were 359 workers below ground at the time of the first explosion, the Emergency Ministry said. A total of 58 people were injured.

"It's clear the situation is difficult," Putin said "We could even say very difficult, tragic. Dozens of people remain in the mine. ... Their fate is unknown. And the saddest thing is that additional rescuers cannot be sent into the mine right away." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

SPILL Crews planned yesterday to offload equipment that could be used in a new attempt to stem the flow of oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico after BP's first attempt to use a giant containment box to divert the crude was foiled.

U.S. Saying they obtained new evidence, White House officials said yesterday the Pakistani Taliban were behind the failed Times Square car bombing. It marks the first time they have launched an attack on U.S. soil.

DEATH Fearing a spread of the debt crisis in Greecew, entral banks from Canada, the United States, England, Europe and Switzerland issued a joint statement saying they are re-igniting a currency swap system that they had set up during the financial crisis of 2008 and 2009 to keep money markets and currencies flowing freely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Case of Portland envy

Great news for local foodies: Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson recently said he wants to bring a better selection of street cuisine to the city core. And he's looking to Portland — which has a bountiful food cart scene — for inspiration. So bring on the vendors of tacos, souvlaki and bento boxes.

An infusion of dishes more reflective of the cultural makeup of this city would be a welcome respite from what's currently on offer — mostly frankfurters and roasted chestnuts. So thanks in advance to the progressive Oregon city for leading the way here.

The problem is, Robertson and countless others in this city are guilty of fawning over all things Portland. Our metropolitan sibling to the south is on the continual receiving end of gushing media stories, not to mention taxpayer-funded visits from our smitten politicians.

"Our metropolitan sibling to the south is on the continual receiving end of gushing media stories, not to mention taxpayer-funded visits from our smitten politicians."

Their enthusiasm, though well-meaning, is ultimately misplaced. Portland is a fine city to visit, and an even better place to live in. But an urban model for Vancouver to emulate? Not so much.

Take, for example, public transit. In relative terms, Portland's light rail- and streetcar-oriented system is a success. It outclasses many similarly sized U.S. cities. But Vancouver's light metro — the backbone of our transit network that is constantly derided by various special interest groups in this region — carries far more riders.

Don't get me wrong — the Olympic Line was proof that Stumptown-style streetcars have a place in Metro Vancouver. But it's astonishing that our city planners are even considering running a streetcar to UBC instead of the faster, grade-separated SkyTrain.

A recent article in The Economist about the Pacific Northwest's best-loved city among the chattering classes referred to it glowingly as "a sophisticated and forward-looking place." But, interestingly enough, there was some criticism to go with the praise. Portland, according to the prestigious periodical, "for all of its history of Western grit, is remarkably young, white and childless."

The implication is that Portland's livability works for some urban professionals and trust fund hipsters — but it may not be so endearing to middle-class families and immigrants, who are heading for the suburbs and other cities in growing numbers.

As we grapple with the issue of prioritizing so-called livability above affordability and economic growth, we might be wise to learn from the Portland experience — but not necessarily to fetishize it.

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Worth mentioning

Canada, Quebec rift remains: Duceppe

Two decades after the death of the Meech Lake accord, Quebec sovereigntists say a deep rift remains between the province and the rest of Canada.

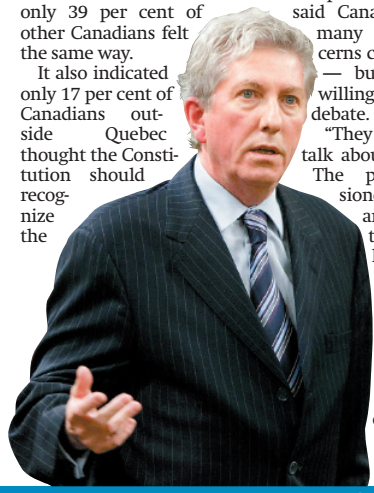
The possibility of reforms to Canadian federalism is simply an illusion for Quebecers, Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe told a party meeting Saturday.

"Canadians have moved on to other things," he said. "They build their country as they see fit, that's all. They're no longer open to satisfying the ambitions of Quebecers. Federalism is a dead end for Quebec."

He said a recent poll published by a sovereigntist organization only served to confirm what he witnessed during his cross Canada trip last month — that very few people outside Quebec are willing to re-open the constitutional debate.

The poll suggested that while 82 per cent of Quebecers favoured a new round of constitutional talks designed to get Quebec's signature on the Constitution, only 39 per cent of other Canadians felt the same way.

It also indicated only 17 per cent of Canadians outside Quebec thought the Constitution should recognize the province as a nation. Some 73 per cent of Quebecers polled agreed with the statement.



Gilles Duceppe

Pierre Drouilly, who helped author the poll, said Canadians believe many of these concerns can be resolved — but they aren't willing to re-open the debate.

"They don't want to talk about it," he said.

The poll, commissioned by the Bloc and a sovereigntist association, has a margin of error of three percentage points, 19 times out of 20. One-thousand Quebecers and 1,000 other Canadians were surveyed.

Duceppe said talk of the Constitution "often solicited a shrug of the shoulders" when he mentioned it during his recent Canadian tour.

His words were echoed by Philip Resnick, a University of British Columbia professor who participated in Saturday's meeting.

He said Canadians have swept constitutional talks under the rug, even while it remains a bone of contention with some Quebecers.

This year marks a number of significant anniversaries for the sovereignty movement, from the Meech Lake anniversary and the subsequent election of Duceppe, to the 30th anniversary of the 1980 sovereignty referendum and the 15th of the failed 1995 referendum. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Noteworthy

Climate change deal at a dead end: Minister

The chance of a climate change agreement this year is remote because the United States and China are unwilling to make more commitments during the talks, India's environment minister said yesterday.

The last UN conference on climate change in Copenhagen last December was seen as deeply disappointing as a deep rift showed between industrialized nations and developing countries.

The next major UN climate conference is in Cancun, Mexico, in December.

"The prospect of a breakthrough in 2010 is very, very remote," Jairam Ramesh told reporters in Beijing after finishing talks with his Chinese counterpart.

India is the world's fifth largest emitter of greenhouse gases and one of the largest players in securing any deal.

"We've reached virtually a dead end" with neither the United States nor China — the world's top two emitters of heat-trapping greenhouse gases — unwilling to make any firm commitments, Ramesh said.

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Quote of the Day

"When I first heard about the campaign to get me to host Saturday Night Live, I didn't know what Facebook was. Now that I DO know what it is, I have to say: It seems like a huge waste of time."

— BETTY WHITE, WHOSE SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE GIG RESULTED FROM A HALF-A-MILLION-STRONG GROUNDSWELL ON FACEBOOK AFTER HER HILARIOUS SNICKERS COMMERCIAL DURING THE SUPER BOWL, TOOK PAINS TO THANK FACEBOOK DURING HER OPENING MONOLOGUE. HER WAY.

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Retired worker files suit against GM 7

An Ontario man is launching a lawsuit against General Motors of Canada on behalf of himself and 3,500 other retired employees for rolling back their benefits. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

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Job growth up in April

Jobs opened up across Canada in April, with the biggest monthly gain since 2002 as employment jumped by 109,000.

The gain continues a strong trend, but with one difference: Since July 2009, most new jobs have been full time. But in April, nearly 60 per cent of the new jobs were part time.

"A veritable jobs gusher," enthused Stewart Hall, economist with HSBC Securities (Canada).

But he tempered his view by noting the jobs are mostly in the service sector.

"In that the goods sector led the economy down the path to recession, it is a little disappointing that the goods sector failed to really participate in the jobs recovery," he noted.

Because more Canadians went looking for work in April, the national unemployment rate dropped only one-tenth of a point to 8.1 per cent.

Erin Weir, economist with the United Steelworkers, cautioned that the big jump in the overall number masks the fact that many of the new jobs are relatively low-paying.

In 2009, Canada's average hourly wage was $20.44, he noted. The new jobs are overwhelmingly in service industries that pay lower wages in the $14 to $19 an hour range.

All the job gains were in the private sector, according to Statistics Canada, which released the April figures Friday. And two-thirds of the new jobs went to adult men.

"We look for the unemployment rate to slowly decline over 2010 as a sustained pickup in economic growth boosts employment and at the same time, workers, who became discouraged during the economic slowdown, return to the labour force," the Royal Bank of Canada said.

It expects that when measurements have been tabulated, the economy will have grown by 5.5 per cent in the first quarter.

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Wallet's pinch

- Ontario recorded the biggest jump in employment, at 41,000. But the unemployment rate remained stuck at 8.8 per cent in the province as more people entered the workforce. The Royal Bank of Canada said in a note that the job numbers show continued momentum in the Canadian economy.

Brussels **Emergency meeting**

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French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde greets Greek Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou yesterday during an emergency meeting of EU finance ministers in Brussels. EU finance ministers were meeting to discuss a new "stabilization mechanism" to prevent the Greek debt crisis from spreading. The board of the International Monetary Fund has approved its part of a $140-billion US bailout package for Greece.

MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Canadians itching to buy will finally be able to buy iPads at month's end.

Apple's iPad to hit Canada May 28

TECH The iPad will go on sale in Canada May 28.

Apple Inc. said Friday that Canada and eight other countries — including the U.K. and Germany — will get the iPad at the end of the month, with pre-orders starting today.

The Wi-Fi only version will sell for $549 (16 GB), $649 (32 GB) and $749 (64 GB). Those that can connect to both Wi-Fi and 3G networks will retail for $679, $779 and $879.

Rogers is expected to host the 3G network that iPad works on, but that is not yet official. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Business in brief

MOBILE New wireless carrier Mobilicity has been given the green light to start operations this spring, with the CRTC requiring a few minor changes to its ownership and control structure. Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises (DAVE) Holdings, the company that controls Mobilicity, must first change the veto rights of its two biggest shareholders.

MONEY North American stock markets extended their sell-off Friday, despite encouraging employment numbers in both Canada and the United States. Fears of a widening sovereign debt crisis in Europe overshadowed job growth, which came in far above expectations.

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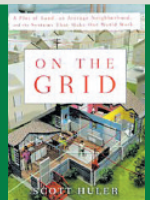
The shower saver

Install a low-flow aerator on your showerhead. If you have an old shower, it could cut your water use for that five-minute morning shower down by two-thirds — from 150 litres to 50. Some cities sell them as part of their $13 indoor water efficiency retrofit kits. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Green



Welcome to the grid

In On the Grid, Scott Huler tries to understand the systems that sustain our way of life, starting from his own quarter of an acre in North Carolina and travelling as far as Ancient Rome. Each chapter follows one element of infrastructure to its source — or to its outlet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Real scoop on Ben & Jerry's

Ice-cream icons add fair trade to flavours

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Ben Cohen, left, and Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry's ice-cream have addressed climate and political issues through their popular desserts.

When in 1978, two friends took a $5 correspondence course on ice cream making and opened a shop in a gas station in Burlington, Vt., nobody would have predicted the scale or scope of their success.

Although sold to multinational Unilever in 2000, for the past 30 years, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, have been everything from peace activists, to rainforest conservationists and political messengers.

As they announce the 100 per cent transition to fair trade by 2013, Metro speaks to the flavoursome duo about chocolate brownies, sustainable farming and makeshift solar panels.

Q Why the move to fair trade?

A BEN: We want to be able to help the people that find themselves at the bottom of the totem pole, integrating social and economic concerns into our product.

The move further reinforces the fact that our company is values-led and not market-driven. Most companies will simply assess what it is that consumers want and the levels of demand and then look no further beyond filling those needs. What Ben and Jerry aims to do (is) to be ahead of the game in such a way that we are not led by demand, but by our internal values, principles and beliefs, such as supporting fair trade.

Q Where will the ingredients be sourced from mainly?

A JERRY: Ingredients are being sourced from all around the world. Of the top of my head I can say that our bananas come from Ecuador, vanilla from India, cocoa from Ivory Coast and the Dominican Republic and walnuts and almonds from Pakistan

Q Ben & Jerry's is famous for using the product as a manner of addressing sensitive issues such as climate change, gay rights, politics and global warming. How did this need to make a point come about?

A BEN: Business can be at the root of many social problems, something Jerry and I have never wanted to be part of. I guess we never realized we were pioneers seeing how clueless we were, but we did know that we wanted to find a way for our business to serve the needs of society.

JERRY: In the '80s we had the "peace pop," chocolate on a stick, aimed at redirecting money from the military budget into peace activities … we also had the "Rainforest crunch" that indirectly went towards rainforest preservation.

Water vapour not the major offender

Eco-**Minded**

Kai Chan with Stephen Ban

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You'll often hear a climate change denier saying that water vapour is the most important greenhouse gas, and that carbon dioxide is unimportant by comparison. While there is a grain of truth to it, this argument is ultimately a misleading distraction.

Water vapour does have more than twice the total warming effect of carbon dioxide, but the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere is at capacity (equilibrium) while CO2 is not. (Imagine water vapour as overflowing from a glass.) Yes, we're emitting lots of both, but increasing water vapour emissions just means that more overflows (as rain or snow). Increasing CO2 emissions means more CO2 in the atmosphere — for decades. So it's CO2, not water vapour that drives climate change. (Here we focus on CO2, but other human-emitted greenhouse gases are also climate forcers (the glasses are filling): methane, NO2, ozone-destroying CFCs.)

The trick is that despite the equilibrium of water vapour (the overflowing glass), water vapour concentrations are increasing. Huh? It sounds contradictory, but it's not: the amount of water vapour that the atmosphere can hold (the size of the glass) is limited by temperature, and temperature is increasing because of the extra CO2.

So there is more water vapour in the atmosphere, and it does contribute to warming, but it all starts with CO2. CO2 warms the atmosphere, which grows the water-vapour glass, which further warms the planet. Therefore, water vapour is known as a climate feedback, but not a climate forcer.

There are several other climate feedbacks, but carbon dioxide remains the single most important contributor to climate change. The next time someone tells you it's water vapour, tell them they're just spewing hot (wet) air.

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The CO2 effect

- Without the effect of water vapour, doubling the atmospheric CO2 concentration would cause about 1 C of warming.

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Sounders offer refund after poor performance

The Seattle Sounders FC are offering a refund to season ticket holders for their poor performance in losing 4-0 to Los Angeles. The team announced yesterday that all season ticket holders will receive a game credit for next year if they renew their season tickets. Seattle has about 32,000 season ticket holders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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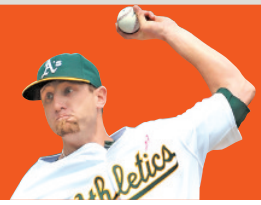

Pitcher perfect

Dallas Braden pitched the 19th perfect game in major league history, leading the Oakland Athletics to a 4-0 victory over Tampa Bay yesterday. It's the second time in less than a year the Rays have been victims of a perfect game. Mark Buehrle did it to them last July 23rd with the Chicago White Sox. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canucks force game 6

Luongo bounces back and Bieksa scores twice in Chicago

(Chicago leads series 3-2)

Canucks 4 Blackhawks 1

The Vancouver Canucks got back to a more disciplined style, made sure they had fun and relied on a formula that's familiar and successful.

They used their speed, checked well and got solid goaltending from Roberto Luongo. Their reward: At least one more game with the Chicago Blackhawks in the Western Conference semifinals.

Kevin Bieksa scored twice and Luongo made 29 saves last night in a 4-1 victory that cut Chicago's series lead to 3-2.

"The two games in Vancouver obviously our emotions in some situations got the best of us," Canucks coach Alain Vigneault said. "We needed to be more disciplined and we were."

Vancouver gave up four power play goals in Game 4 on Friday night when its attempt to play more physical ended up in a penalty-filled 7-4 loss that put the Canucks one defeat away from elimination.

"I think that was a little uncharacteristic of us. We are a fairly disciplined team. For whatever reasons we were frustrated the last game and did things we don't usually do," Bieksa said.

"We found ourselves tonight. Everyone out there had fun and played good hockey and that's the result."

The Canucks were able to be aggressive but also play smarter. They kept Chicago's six-foot-four, 257-pound Dustin Byfuglien away from the front of the net more often and they beat the Blackhawks for the second time at the United Center in this season.

Luongo was able to get a better handle on rebounds than he had on the Canucks' home ice.

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Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo saves a shot as Shane O'Brien tries to stop Chicago Blackhawk Tomas Kopecky.

O'Brien hit

- Vancouver's Shane O'Brien was hit on the bridge of the nose by Dustin Byfuglien's stick. He needed six stitches but returned to the game.

"Sometimes you're going to give them up and there's nothing you can do about it. It' a matter of how the puck hits you," he said.

"Unfortunately in Vancouver every time there seemed there was one, it was in the net. Obviously you don't want to give any up, but sometimes those things aren't in your control. ... Tonight, there were not a lot of scrums when there were loose pucks."

Game 6 is tomorrow night in Vancouver and a deciding Game 7, if necessary, would be back at the United Center on Thursday night. The series winner will face San Jose.

Christian Ehrhoff opened the scoring for the Canucks, just 59 seconds into the game, quickly quieting the crowd at the United Center who had hoped to see the Blackhawks make the conference finals for a second straight season.

"We got zapped right off the bat and didn't respond after that," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said.

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Back injury forces Woods out of Players Championship

GOLF Tiger Woods withdrew from The Players Championship yesterday with an injury that he fears might be a bulging disc in his upper back.

"I've been playing with a bad neck for about a month," Woods said.

After hitting his drive well to the right on the seventh hole, Woods called for an official. He hit his second shot and grimaced, then walked to the middle of the fairway to shake hands with playing partner Jason Bohn before leaving on a golf cart.

Woods had his head bowed for several minutes as he sat in front of his locker, and other times kept his eyes closed as if he were in the middle of a nap before answering questions from three reporters. At one point, he slammed his golf shoe to the ground.

"I've been playing through it," Woods said quietly. "I can't play through it anymore."

Tiger Woods

He said he first felt the injury before the Masters and plans to have an MRI next week.

Tim Clark of South Africa finished off a record 36-hole comeback at the TPC Sawgrass with a 5-under 67 to rally from seven shots behind on the weekend and win The Players Championship over hard-luck Robert Allenby of Australia.

Phil Mickelson could have moved to No. 1 in the world with a victory, but the Masters champion never gave himself a good chance. He made bogey on three of his opening six holes, closed with a 74 and tied for 17th.

Calgary's Stephen Ames hit a 71 to finish far off the pace in a tie for 58th.

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YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

Cincinnati 5 Chicago Cubs 3

Houston 4 San Diego 3 (11 ings)

L.A. Dodgers 2 Colorado 0

Milwaukee 6 Arizona 1

Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 3

St. Louis 11 Pittsburgh 4

San Francisco 6 N.Y. Mets 5

Washington 3 Florida 2

Sports in brief

SOCCER Chelsea regained the Premier League title from Manchester United with a 8-0 victory over Wigan yesterday with Didier Drogba scoring three times. Even though United finished the campaign with a 4-0 victory over Stoke at Old Trafford, the big celebrations were at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea took the championship by one point.

HOCKEY Alexander Ovechkin scored the deciding goal yesterday to give two-time defending champion Russia a 3-1 victory over Slovakia at the ice hockey world championship.

BASEBALL Fred Lewis hit a three-run homer off Bobby Jenks to rally the Toronto Blue Jays to a 9-7 win over the Chicago White Sox yesterday. Jenks (1-1) failed to retire any of the four batters he faced. Travis Snider doubled and John Buck singled before Lewis drove a 3-1 pitch into the right-field seats to give the Blue Jays an 8-7 lead.

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For-profit firm names Clinton honorary chancellor

Laureate Education Inc., a Baltimore-based for-profit higher education company, announced last week that former U.S. president Bill Clinton has accepted the role of honorary chancellor of Laureate International Universities, the company's global network. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Taiwan may allow Chinese students

Students from mainland China will soon be able to study at universities in Taiwan after Taiwanese lawmakers agreed over the weekend on compromises on the issue. The Democratic Progressive Party agreed to drop its opposition as long as the education ministry accepted extensive amendments that would, among other things, prevent Chinese citizens from working in Taiwan following graduation. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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He'll stoop and scoop for you

Odd Jobs

Diane Peters

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James Beagle has always loved dogs. His grandparents had two border collies and his own family had a boxer.

Early on, Beagle, who's now 50, learned that these creatures make a mess. His job was to scoop up the poop from the backyard. He didn't mind.

But he did mind being bored. So when the Toronto-born Beagle first went to university and found the courses too similar to those in high school, he dropped out after a year and worked in security.

And met up with dogs again. During a training session, his new bosses suited him up in protective gear and put him in a cage with vicious dogs. He learned that they'd run if he ran away, but would back off if he advanced on the dogs. (The skill came in handy many years later.)

Beagle began working in the hotel and restaurant industry, where he learned a lot about working with people.

But he longed to work outside, and work for himself. He came up with the idea of scooping dog poop out of backyards as a business. He asked his friends and family if they thought it was a good idea. "Nobody would ever pay for that," they said.

Undeterred, he got friends to ask around and soon found a few busy families who had no time for their dog poo.

Beagle went to work in 1985, scooping in yards in the daytime and working in restaurant and hotels at night. After raising his rates (it used to be as low as $6 a week) and getting some media coverage, five years into his business Beagle was able to quit his other job and focus entirely on Super Scoopers.

He works five days a week, and begins his day by checking his email and dealing with bills and scheduling. He then heads out in his truck with his bichon frise Boo Boo. Beagle goes directly into a client's backyard and uses gloves, a scoop, a paint scraper and a bucket for the job.

Beagle stores the dog waste in the back of his truck and then in freezers in his garage. He disposes of it every few days at a waste disposal station or sewage treatment plant.

He can clear a yard he's familiar with in as little as five minutes.

"I already know where the hot spots are." Boo Boo sometimes helps find the hidden gems.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Paws, Claws and Jobs

The Lowdown

Job title: Dog poop scooper
Salary: The company nets about $100,000 a year
Best Part of the Job: "The fresh air. Being able to do what I want to do, when I want to do it."
Worst Part of the Job: "Chasing the money if people choose not to pay."

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University board too large, group says
Shared Vision Group, which aims to improve post-secondary education in the Saint John, N.B., region, believes the 44-member University of New Brunswick is too large and unwieldy. The group is calling for the number of members on the volunteer board to be trimmed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Our obsession with being fascinating

BookReview

Fascinate

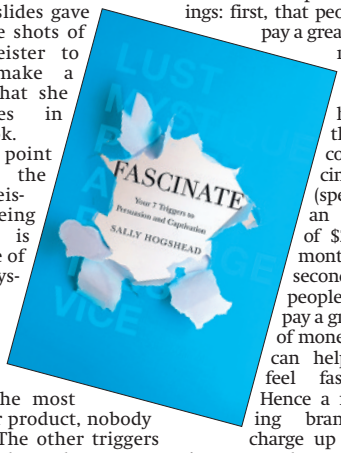
Author: Sally Hogshead
Publisher: Harper Business
Price: $32.50

CRAIG LUND
for Metro Canada

In the time of the Salem Witch Trials, fascination was considered a spell of witchcraft – an act punishable by death.

According to author Sally Hogshead, the reason we make decisions to buy brands, take a new job or get a breast enlargement is largely to do with our fascination with these things and that by engaging these items or ideas we as humans become more fascinating to those around us. At least that is the hope.

I was fortunate to see Hogshead speak in Toronto where she discussed the seven triggers of fascination and in between slides gave out free shots of Jagermeister to help make a point that she discusses in her book.



Her point with the Jagermeister being that it is because of the mystique that 'Jager' "has become the most popular product, nobody likes." The other triggers include lust, alarm, prestige, power, vice and trust. The more of these you can pack into one idea, person or product, the higher your chances at creating something fascinating.

Hogshead's book is based on significant research by Kelton Research, a public-opinion company, and discusses two top line findings: first, that people will pay a great deal of money if you can help them become fascinating (spending an average of $288 per month); and, second, that people will pay a great deal of money if you can help them feel fascinated. Hence a fascinating brand can charge up to four times more than an un-fascinating one. Hogshead has pulled together an incredible amount of research and facts and knitted a history lesson that I assure you is quite fascinating.

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Real Housewives' Frankel gives birth

Bethenny Frankel of the Real Housewives of New York City has given birth to a baby girl a month earlier than expected. The author and reality star, who married Jason Hoppy in March, went into labour on Friday. POPEATER.COM

Entertainment

Final goodbye

Friends and family said final goodbyes to Georgy Girl star Lynn Redgrave on Saturday and laid the 67-year-old actress to rest near her mother amid the rolling hills of upstate New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nostalgic remakes

Hollywood taps into audience's comfortable familiarity

The Karate Kid remake starring Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan hits theatres in June.

It's hardly a mystery why Hollywood studios keep putting out remakes and sequels — they make money. But why do we as an audience eat it up so readily?

"If the cake tasted good the first time, why not eat it again?" Professor of film studies Christopher Sharrett of Seton Hall University asks.

Hollywood, Sharrett says, is basically owned by six different corporations and as a result, "they treat cinema as one more commodity and they look to see what's been paying off lately and might lend itself to 3-D remakes."

What's been paying off seems almost exclusively to be stories that are already ingrained in popular culture.

"In the '90s they made a Beverly Hillbillies movie and a Coneheads movie and those were from late '60s early '70s television," says Dave White, movie critic at movies.com. "As you find what people are nostalgic for, what people reference, somebody at a studio says 'hmmm.'"

A remake of 1984's popular horror flick A Nightmare on Elm Street was released in theatres last month.

That comfortable familiarity guarantees a stress-free movie-going experience — perfect when everyone is in the summer vacation mindset. Since we want to see everything we've seen before, it's no surprise that pop culture of the '80s has played a major role in this summer's blockbuster offerings — like The Karate Kid remake.

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"I think what's interesting about the '80s is you had a lot of iconic characters who were born then, like Indiana Jones and Freddy Krueger, and I don't think movies in recent years have had that," says Kirthana Ramisetti, managing editor of predicto.com. "It's just easier than trying to come up with a new monster for them to just take Freddy Krueger and use some CGI."

This doesn't mean filmmakers have it easy. "I'll have to admit that when I was approached to do this, I was terrified," says Samuel Bayer, the director of the new version of Nightmare on Elm Street, now in theatres. "But I wanted this to be a serious, straight up horror film. The fact that we have an Oscar-nominated actor as Freddy should signal just how serious we are."

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Extradition not accurate: Attorneys

LEGAL Roman Polanski's attorneys argued in court filings Friday that the Swiss government should not automatically assume an extradition request by Los Angeles prosecutors is accurate.

The statement is in response to a comment by a Swiss justice official, who told The Associated Press last month that officials there assume facts in an extradition request are correct. The official said the justice ministry was not interested in the transcripts of testimony offered in secret earlier this year by the former prosecutor who handled Polanski's case.

Polanski

Polanski's attorneys contend the transcripts will show the extradition papers contain information prosecutors know is "false and materially incomplete."

The filing also argues that prosecutors want the Swiss to only consider what's included in official court records and ignore other evidence that proves misconduct in the case.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons says the office won't comment, but will argue their position during a hearing Monday.

The office has opposed the transcripts' release, stating in a filing Thursday that they should only become public once Polanski is returned to Los Angeles.

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A flood of relief to U.S.

Country stars, including Taylor Swift, are leading the flood relief efforts in Nashville, Tenn., Starmagazine.com reported.

Taylor donated $500,000 US during a call into a star-studded telethon Thursday on local station WSMV. The telethon, hosted by Vince Gill, raised over $1.7 million.

The cleanup effort is expected to cost more than $1 billion.

"It was the craziest thing that I've ever seen," Taylor said on the telethon.

"I was at my house in Hendersonville, we were staring out the window, thinking it didn't seem like rain. It just seemed like something in a movie. It was really emotional for me because those are the streets I learned to drive on.

"People's houses are just ruined. It was so heartbreaking to see that in my town, the place that I call home, and the place that I feel most safe. I just send my love to my friends and neighbours who got hit harder than I did."

Country singers, many of whom live in Nashville, have also been part of the relief efforts. Keith Urban said seeing the Grand Ole Opry House under water was "chilling."

Another telethon is planned for May 16 with Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, and Lady Antebellum, among other guests.

Tim McGraw and Faith Hill are also organizing a benefit to be held next month.

Meanwhile, Jack White and his staff at Third Man Records are also lending a hand to Nashville's flood victims.

White told The Associated Press that profits from Saturday's sales at his downtown record store will go to flood relief.

White, a member of The White Stripes and The Dead Weather, and a resident of nearby Franklin, and employees of Third Man will join Hands On Nashville today to aid in the cleanup.

At least 31 people were killed in three states, including 20 in Tennessee, when storms dropped record amounts of rain.

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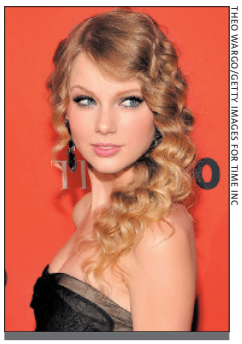

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Singer Taylor Swift

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Hollywood.com:

1. **IRON MAN 2:** $133.6 million US
2. **A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET:** $9.1 million
3. **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON:** $6.7 million
4. **DATE NIGHT:** $5.3 million
5. **THE BACK-UP PLAN:** $4.3 million
6. **FURRY VENGEANCE:** $4 million
7. **CLASH OF THE TITANS:** $2.3 million
8. **DEATH AT A FUNERAL:** $2.1 million
9. **THE LOSERS:** $1.8 million
10. **BABIES:** $1.5 million.

Date Night star Steve Carell

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	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	House "Baggage" (N) (CC)		24 "Day 8: 12:00PM- 1:00PM"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Hunted"		News
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She has blisters on her thumbs

Mila Kunis spends hours playing computer games, femalefirst.co.uk reported. The actress — who is the voice of Meg Griffin on Family Guy — recently had to go cold turkey on her favourite pixelated adventures because she was getting so "obsessive." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Resealing the deal

LOVE IS IN THE AIR To mark their fifth wedding anniversary, Heidi Klum and Seal renewed their vows in front of their children and close family members Saturday at sunset in Costa Careyes, Mexico, Usmagazine.com reported.

"The theme this year was brides and grooms," a source tell UsMagazine.com. "All the guests wore black and white and dressed themselves like brides and grooms. The minister was available to do vow renewals for anyone else who wanted them."

Klum, 36, and Seal, 47, have made a tradition of renewing their vows every year. Last year, they had a "white trash" theme ceremony, during which Klum wore her hair in cornrows and Seal sported a mullet (the officiant was even dressed as Elvis Presley).

She said renewing their vows also is something their kids, Leni, 6, Henry, 4, Johan, 3, and seven-month-old Lou, "have gotten accustomed to. It's like, 'Hey, Mom and Dad love each other and they get married every year!'"

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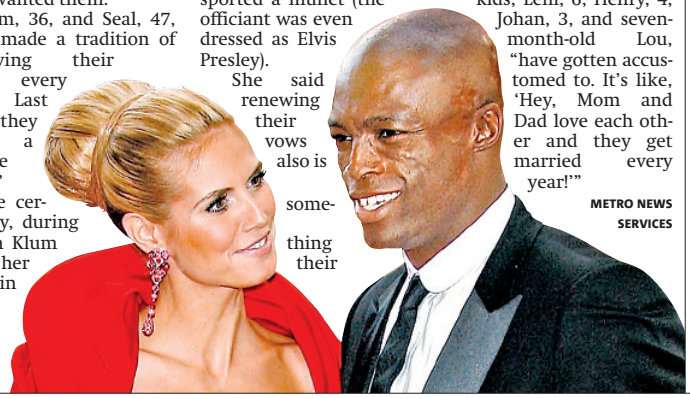

Sandra will still make movies

OH, THANK GOD, MISS CONGENIALITY 12, HERE WE COME! Sandra Bullock's fans can rest easy. Despite rumours that the actress was moving to New Orleans and bidding Hollywood goodbye for the foreseeable future, her reps insist she's ready to get back to work.

"In order to maintain Sandra Bullock's privacy, we will not comment on where she plans to live," her rep tells People magazine. "Although she has no definite projects set at the moment, she has every intention of returning to work."

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CelebTweets

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Today, **ELIZABETH BANKS** is keeping her eyes on the ground, **JUSTIN BIEBER** admits he's claustrophobic, **ASHTON KUTCHER** has big plans for today, and **JENNY MCCARTHY** forgot to introduce herself to a new friend in Las Vegas.

@ElizabethBanks Hiking: had to pause for a snake crossing, spent rest of hike nervously scanning brush for ankle biters. That's other snakes, not midgets.

@justinbieber i get a little freaked in the middle of big crowds. i hate elevators

@aplusk today I'm going to attempt to break the thought barrier...

@JennyfromMTV Yes I kissed a mystery man in Vegas. Everyone wants to know who he is or what his name is.... So would I.

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Oprah gets the goods

SORRY BUT THE YEARS OF SAYING YOUR NOT TOGETHER JUST CONFIRMED THAT YOU WERE Rob Pattinson and Kristen Stewart found one person they were unable to hide their relationship from: Oprah Winfrey.

The Twilight stars reportedly confirmed to the talk-show host that they're an item when they taped an interview with her to air this week.

"We were all briefed before the show how to handle the talent. Part of what we were told was that Rob and Kristen are dating," a source tells E! News.

"Obviously Oprah had to ask something during the taping, but agreed beforehand she wouldn't be too hard on them if they told her what was really going on."

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Ginny Weasley to wed?

IT WAS MAGIC ON SET Love has blossomed on the set of the final Harry Potter movie, as 19-year-old actress Bonnie Wright, who plays flame-haired teen wizard Ginny Weasley, has reportedly agreed to marry co-star Jamie Campbell Bower, according to the Daily Mail.

"They met on the set of the movie and Jamie fell for Bonnie really badly," a source says of the couple, who have been dating for six months. "He says they are completely in love. It all seems very whirlwind, but they both say it's the real deal."

According to the source, Bower, who also appears in the successful Twilight franchise, popped the question last month.

"All he has told us is that he asked her to marry him and Bonnie said 'yes,'" the source says.

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She works hard

AND PLAYS SO HARD SHE KEEPS FALLING OVER Lindsay Lohan is standing up for herself, insisting that she's not out of control.

"I work. And if I go out with my friends, I'm 23 and I'm allowed to do that. I don't go out when I'm working," Lohan tells Entertainment Tonight.

"When did I stop being OK? I am fine. I am happy and I am working. And I'm surrounded by great friends now. You know, I have weeded out a lot of people in my life."

As for recent episodes of her tumbling in front of photographers in a seemingly intoxicated state, Lohan insists she's just a klutz.

"I'm the most clumsy person in the world," she says. "I do trip a lot. I fall. I walk into walls sometimes."

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GETTY IMAGES

Hanks Junior marries longtime friend

THEY SEEM QUITE SWEET TOGETHER, NO? Actor Colin Hanks tied the knot with publicist Samantha Bryant Saturday in Los Angeles, his rep confirms to People.

Hanks is the son of Tom Hanks and the late Samantha Lewes, who died in 2002. Engaged since last June, Hanks, 32, is currently starring in the indie film Barry Munday and in a new FOX series, The Good Guys, premiering May 19. The couple met through mutual friends, Hanks told the New York Times last year.

"We had the same group of friends and knew of each other, but never paid attention to it," he said. Until things turned romantic. "He was the perfect gentleman," Bryant told the paper.

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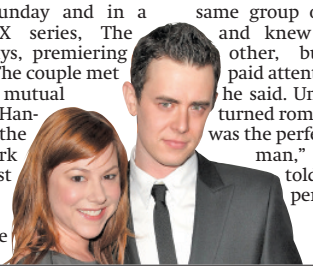

Gaga grabs the undergarments

AND DOESN'T LET GO England's royal underwear-maker is regretting loaning some prototypes out to Lady Gaga to use in a video shoot, according to the Daily Mail.

The designer, Rigby and Peller, sent the singer seven sets of handmade lingerie, but only three were returned via courier in time for their big runway show.

"Obviously we were delighted that Lady Gaga wanted to use our new pieces in her next video, but we did stress we needed them back in plenty of time for our press show," a Rigby and Peller spokesman says.

"They are all hand-made and unique designs that are simply priceless and are not available anywhere in the world, so we are really disappointed not to get them back in time for our major showcase of the year."

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Michelle McGee dropped a bombshell on radio

SEE WHAT I DID THERE? CLEVER, I KNOW Either Michelle (Bombshell) McGee is trying to extend her time in the spotlight or she has another major revelation in store.

The woman who outed Jesse James as a philanderer is now hinting that she may have been intimate with Tiger Woods as well.

When asked during an interview with Philadelphia's 106.1 FM if she'd ever mess with the golf pro, McGee said, "How do you know I haven't?"

She wouldn't elaborate further, adding only, "I'm not confirming or denying. I'm surprised no one's picked up on that yet."

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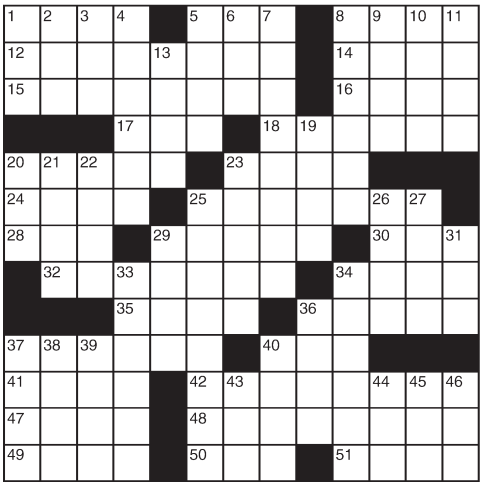

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12 "Gracias"
14 Always
15 Round Table knight
16 Cabbie's payment
17 Census statistic
18 Barnum's partner
20 Accumulate
23 Calf's papa
24 Barn-roof accessory
25 Meddler who ruins a plan
28 Id counterpart
29 Human trunk
30 Steal from
32 Rorschach design
34Hardy cabbage
35Slippery — eel
36 Count up
37 Eats soup loudly
40 In favor of
41 Albacore, e.g.
42 Monty Python musical
47 Way out
48 And so forth
49 Apportion (out)
50 Perched
51 Caught sight of

DOWN

1 Old TV ministry letters
2 "Eureka!"
3 Container for 41-Across
4 Put in a box
5 TV marine Gomer
6 Aussie hopper, for short
7 Eruption
8 Second drink, so to speak
9 Elliptical
10 Unembellished
11 Quarry
13 Small barrels
19 Dog food brand
20 Rd.
21 Creche trio
22 Soon, in poetry
23 Low-ranking nobleman
25 Blackstrap, for example
26 By word of mouth
27 Turnpike fee
29 Recipe meas.
31 Ottoman title
33 Chopping spree?
34 Pure gold = 24 —
36 Heavy reading?
37 Rose holder
38 Sumptuousness
39 One
40 Datum
43 Sch. grp.
44 Shelter
45 Raw rock
46 Catch some rays

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Heartland Meatloaf

INGREDIENTS:

2 large onions, chopped
2 large celery ribs, chopped
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 lbs lean ground beef
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
1 egg white
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper
2 cups chopped canned tomatoes in purée
1/4 cup ketchup

METHOD:

1 Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat 13 x 9-inch baking dish and large non-stick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Set skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onions, celery, green pepper and garlic until soft, about five minutes. Transfer vegetables to large bowl.

2 Add beef, bread crumbs, egg white, salt and pepper to vegetables in bowl and mix with hands. Combine tomatoes and ketchup in small bowl, add half to meatloaf mixture and mix again.

3 Transfer meatloaf mixture to baking dish and shape into 10 x 7-inch loaf, mounding slightly in centre. Make lengthwise groove down centre with side of hand. Pour remaining tomato mixture into groove. Bake meat loaf until instant-read thermometer inserted in centre reaches 165°F (74°C), about 1 hour 15 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing.

SERVES 8

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you lose your temper today you will go all the way and give some unfortunate soul your very personal equivalent of Hell.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will either do something spectacular or something really stupid today. It's simply impossible to predict which way you will jump.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Why are you so defensive? What makes you think the world is ganging up on you? Whatever the reason try not to overreact. Only you will suffer.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Moderation is essential today, especially when dealing with people who don't take kindly to being told what to do. Not everyone shares your vision.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
If you are going to be forceful, if you are going to get tough, then it might as well be today. You'll do whatever it takes to get your way — and then some.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Try not to be too pushy today. You could easily go over the top. If people seem to be avoiding you it could be because they are scared of you.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Libra, indecisive? Never! Once you make up your mind about something you go all the way and you'll go all the way and then a bit further today.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone with an extremely strong personality — someone very much like you in fact — will have a major effect on your life today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Today's aspects urge you to be ruthless, to cut out everything that does not need to be done immediately, especially on the work front.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Anyone who stands in your way is asking for trouble. You are the boss and anyone who does not accept that is going to regret it. Be assertive, but be fair as well.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Once you start arguing with a partner or loved one you may find it hard to stop today, so don't start in the first place. Bite your lip.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The problem you are confronted with today might look difficult but once you start to deal with it you will find it is not so bad after all.

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